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June 24, 2005

Mr. John Sims
BNSF Railway Company
Law Department
2500 Lou Menk Drive
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Fort Worth, Texas 76131-2828

Dear Mr. Sims:

I am writing in regard to the May 17, 2005 letter that I received for the BNSF abandonment between Aurora, Nebraska and Central City, Nebraska. The bridge over the Platte River will be dismantled, including abutments. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers regulates filling activities in waters of the United States under the authority of Section 404 of the Clean Water Act. From your description, it wasn't apparent if any filling activity in the Platte River would be taking place. If no filling activity will be taking place, then a Department of the Army permit will not be required for the bridge disassembly. If filling activity will occur in the river, please complete a permit application (enclosed), send it to the address indicated on the enclosure, and do not commence filling activity until written authorization is received. If you have any questions, feel free to call me at 308-234-1403.

Sincerely,

Keith Tillotson

Senior Project Manager

Enclosures

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